

NEMA = National Electrical Manufacturers Association

IP = International Electrotechnical Commission

**The IP Code (International Protection Rating)**

The first digit indicates the level of protection that the enclosure provides against access to hazardous parts (e.g., electrical conductors, moving parts) and the ingress of solid foreign objects.

Level	Object size protected against	Effective against
0	—	No protection against contact and ingress of objects
1	>50 mm	Any large surface of the body, such as the back of a hand, but no protection against deliberate contact with a body part
2	>12.5 mm	Fingers or similar objects
3	>2.5 mm	Tools, thick wires, etc.
4	>1 mm	Most wires, screws, etc.
5	dust protected	Ingress of dust is not entirely prevented, but it must not enter in sufficient quantity to interfere with the satisfactory operation of the equipment; complete protection against contact
6	dust tight	No ingress of dust; complete protection against contact

The second digit shows the level of protection of the equipment inside the enclosure against harmful ingress of water.

Level	Protected against	Details
0	not protected	—
1	dripping water	Dripping water (vertically falling drops) shall have no harmful effect.
2	dripping water when tilted up to 15°	Vertically dripping water shall have no harmful effect when the enclosure is tilted at an angle up to 15° from its normal position.
3	spraying water	Water falling as a spray at any angle up to 60° from the vertical shall have no harmful effect.
4	splashing water	Water splashing against the enclosure from any direction shall have no harmful effect.
5	water jets	Water projected by a nozzle against enclosure from any direction shall have no harmful effects.
6	powerful water jets	Water projected in powerful jets against the enclosure from any direction shall have no harmful effects.
7	immersion up to 1 m	Ingress of water in harmful quantity shall not be possible when the enclosure is immersed in water under defined conditions of pressure and time (up to 1 m of submersion).
8	immersion beyond 1 m	The equipment is suitable for continuous immersion in water under conditions which shall be specified by the manufacturer. NOTE: Normally, this will mean that the equipment is hermetically sealed. However, with certain types of equipment, it can mean that water can enter but only in such a manner that produces no harmful effects.

**NEMA and IP Rating Equivalency**

NEMA Rating	IP Equivalent	NEMA Definition	IP Definition
1	IP10	Enclosures constructed for indoor use to provide a degree of protection to personnel against incidental contact with the enclosed equipment and to provide a degree of protection against falling dirt	1 = Protected against solid foreign objects of 50mm in diameter and greater 0 = Not Protected
2	IP11	Enclosures constructed for indoor use to provide a degree of protection to personnel against incidental contact with the enclosed equipment, to provide a degree of protection against falling dirt, and to provide a degree of protection against dripping and light splashing of liquids	1 = Protected against solid foreign objects of 50mm in diameter and greater 1 = Protected against vertically falling water drops
3	IP54	Enclosures constructed for either indoor or outdoor use to provide a degree of protection to personnel against incidental contact with the enclosed equipment; to provide a degree of protection against falling dirt, rain, sleet, snow, and windblown dust; and that will be undamaged by external formation of ice on the enclosure	5 = Protected against dust - Limited to ingress (no harmful deposit) 4 = Protected against water sprayed from all directions - Limited to ingress permitted.
3R	IP14	Enclosures constructed for either indoor or outdoor use to provide a degree of protection to personnel against incidental contact with the enclosed equipment; to provide a degree of protection against falling dirt, rain, sleet, and snow; and that will be undamaged by external formation of ice on the enclosure	1 = Protected against vertically falling water drops 4 = Protected against water sprayed from all directions - Limited to ingress permitted.
3S	IP54	Enclosures constructed for either indoor or outdoor use to provide a degree of protection to personnel against incidental contact with the enclosed equipment; to provide a degree of protection against falling dirt, rain, sleet, snow, and windblown dust; and in which the external mechanism(s) remain operable when ice laden.	5 = Protected against dust - Limited to ingress (no harmful deposit) 4 = Protected against water sprayed from all directions - Limited to ingress permitted.
4	IP 56	Enclosures constructed for either indoor or outdoor use to provide a degree of protection to personnel against incidental contact with the enclosed equipment; to provide a degree of protection against falling dirt, rain, sleet, snow, windblown dust, splashing water, and hose-directed water, and corrosion; and that will be undamaged by the external formation of ice on the enclosure	5 = Protected against dust - Limited to ingress (no harmful deposit) 6 = Protected against strong jets of water from all directions - Limited to ingress permitted.
4X	IP56	Enclosures constructed for either indoor or outdoor use to provide a degree of protection to personnel against incidental contact with the enclosed equipment; to provide a degree of protection against falling dirt, rain, sleet, snow, windblown dust, splashing water, hose-directed water, and corrosion; and that will be undamaged by the external formation of ice on the enclosure	5 = Protected against dust - Limited to ingress (no harmful deposit) 6 = Protected against strong jets of water from all directions - Limited to ingress permitted.
5	IP52	Enclosures constructed for indoor use to provide a degree of protection to personnel against incidental contact with the enclosed equipment; to provide a degree of protection against falling dirt, against settling airborne dust, lint, fibers, and flyings; and to provide a degree of protection against dripping and light splashing of liquids.	5 = Protected against dust - Limited to ingress (no harmful deposit) 2 = Protected against direct sprays of water up to 15° from the vertical.
6	IP67	Enclosures constructed for either indoor or outdoor use to provide a degree of protection to personnel against incidental contact with the enclosed equipment; to provide a degree of protection against falling dirt; against hose-directed water and the entry of water during occasional temporary submersion at a limited depth; and that will be undamaged by the external formation of ice on the enclosure.	6 = Totally protected against dust 7 = Protected against the effects of temporary immersion between 15cm and 1m. Duration of test 30 minutes.

6P	IP67	Enclosures constructed for either indoor or outdoor use to provide a degree of protection to the personnel against incidental contact with the enclosed equipment; to provide a degree of protection against falling dirt; against hose-directed water and the entry of water during prolonged submersion at a limited depth; and that will be undamaged by the external formation of ice on the enclosure	6 = Totally protected against dust	7 = Protected against the effects of temporary immersion between 15cm and 1m. Duration of test 30 minutes.
12 and 12K	IP52	Enclosures constructed (without knockouts) for indoor use to provide a degree of protection to personnel against incidental contact with the enclosed equipment; to provide a degree of protection against falling dirt; against circulating dust, lint, fibers, and flying; and against dripping and light splashing of liquids	5 = Protected against dust - Limited to ingress (no harmful deposit)	2 = Protected against direct sprays of water up to 15° from the vertical.
13	IP54	Enclosures constructed for indoor use to provide a degree of protection to personnel against incidental contact with the enclosed equipment; to provide a degree of protection against falling dirt; against circulating dust, lint, fibers, and flyings; and against the spraying, splashing, and seepage of water, oil, and noncorrosive coolants.	5 = Protected against dust - Limited to ingress (no harmful deposit)	4 = Protected against water sprayed from all directions - Limited to ingress permitted

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